

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended.) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:
- a stacked film composed of a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each containing at least one kind selected from aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;
- wherein,
- an upper portion of said stacked film is formed into a ridge-like stripe, to form a current injection region;
- a current injection width  $W_{st}$  of said current injection region is at a value in a range of  $1 \mu m \leq W_{st} \leq 3 \mu m$ ,
- a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip; and
- at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ); and
- the component ratio "x" of Al is at a value in a range of  $0.3 \leq x \leq 1.0$ , so that said semiconductor laser light emitting device is configured as an index guide type semiconductor laser light emitting device; and
- a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$  ( $0.3 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ) and has a thickness of  $0.2 \mu m$  or less.
3. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein part, present between an active layer and said current non-injection region, of said stacked film under said current non-injection region at least includes a film which is made from a

material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0.3 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ) and which has a thickness of  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  or less.

4. (Cancelled)

b 5. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

6. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 2, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

7. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 3, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

8. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 4, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region

in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0.007 \leq \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) \leq 0.012$ .

9. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stacked film composed of a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each containing at least one kind selected from aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;  
wherein,  
an upper portion of said stacked film is formed into a ridge-like stripe, to form a current injection region;  
a current injection width  $W_{st}$  of said current injection region is at a value in a range of  $1 \mu m \leq W_{st} \leq 3 \mu m$ ,  
a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip; and  
at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ); and  
the component ratio "x" of Al is at a value in a range of  $0.15 < x < 0.30$ ,  
so that said semiconductor laser light emitting device is configured as a weak index type pulsation semiconductor laser light emitting device; and

a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$  ( $0.15 \leq x \leq 0.30$ ) and has a thickness of  $0.2 \mu m$  or less.

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11. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 9, wherein part, present between an active layer and said current non-injection region, of said stacked film under said current non-injection region at least includes a film which is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0.15 \leq x \leq 0.30$ ) and which has a thickness of  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  or less.

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12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 9, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

14. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 10, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

15. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 11, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

16. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

b 17. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor laser light emitting device comprising:  
a stacked film composed of a stack of group III nitride semiconductor films each containing at least one kind selected from aluminum, gallium, indium, and boron;  
wherein,  
an upper portion of said stacked film is formed into a ridge-like stripe, to form a current injection region;  
a current injection width  $W_{st}$  of said current injection region is at a value in a range of  $1 \mu m \leq W_{st} \leq 3 \mu m$ ,  
a current non-injection region formed on both sides of said ridge-like strip; and  
at least part of said current non-injection region is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1.0$ ); and

the component ratio "x" of Al is at a value in a range of  $0 \leq x \leq 0.15$ ,  
so that said semiconductor laser light emitting device is configured as a gain type laser light emitting device; and

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a film located between an active layer and the current non-injection region of the stacked film made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.15$ ) and has a thickness of  $0.2 \mu m$  or less.

19. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 17, wherein part, present between an active layer and said current non-injection region, of said stacked film under said current non-injection region at least includes a film which is made from a material expressed by a chemical formula  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.15$ ) and which has a thickness of  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  or less.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 17, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

22. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 18, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

23. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 19, wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

24. (Original) A semiconductor laser light emitting device according to claim 20,  
wherein a difference  $\Delta n$  between an effective refractive index  $n_1$  of said current injection region  
in the film stacking direction and an effective refractive index  $n_2$  of said current non-injection  
region in the film stacking direction is in a range of  $0 < \Delta n = (n_1 - n_2) < 0.007$ .

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